

OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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BAND MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised that the next **MONTHLY BAND MEETING** will be
5pm August Tuesday 19th, 2025
NK'MIP COMMUNITY HALL.

Dinner will be provided at 5:00PM.

Agenda:

Topics: you want discussed at the Band meeting, please contact Sammy Louie at 250-498-3444 Ext 3020 or email: SLouie@oib.ca and she will make up an agenda.

Sincerely,
Chief Clarence Louie

All band members are encouraged to attend to voice your concerns and opinions.



Minor Trust Distribution 2025/ IMPORTANT NOTICE

This information is for anyone who is overdue in rent, loans, family maintenance or any other monies owed to OIB's companies

1. If you are eligible to receive a distribution from OIB and your rent arrears, are over \$5000.00, your entire Xmas Distribution will be put toward your debt. If you are under \$5000.00 you must have a repayment plan in place with Housing Coordinator Jeddy Baptiste. (and be making regular payments)
2. If you have an open Family Maintenance file, your entire Xmas Distribution will be paid toward your debt, to Family Maintenance. (unless you can provide a letter from Family Maintenance that provides information that you are on a payment plan.)
3. If you owe any OIB Company, or have an outstanding Loan with OIB, your entire Xmas Distribution will go toward that debt.
4. Osoyoos Indian Band, Chief and Council, has been in consultation with OIB's Lawyers, regarding, Per-Capita Distribution for registered OIB members who are MINORS (18 and younger).
5. Chief and Council has decided (with legal advice), that it is in the best interest of all OIB Member Minor's, to place 100% of the Minors share of Distributions, Per Capita into their Minors Trust Fund, which is what most Bands do.
6. All Parents and Guardians will still be able to request a form (approved by Council) to withdraw funds, but, for specific purposes and limits only by doing the following.
7. Filling out an application, fully and completely and handing it to any Council member or Joanne McGinnis (accounting department). All withdrawal applications will be presented and approved at a regular Council Meeting.
8. The reasons for parents and guardians to request monies from the member child Trust Account, will be limited to Education, Medical and Sports.
9. If payments are approved, they will be paid directly to the provider of the service.

If anyone has any questions, please connect with a member of council on this matter.

Letter from Housing:

Just wanted to go over a couple items that I've learned over the last couple months attending workshops and that is mould prevention.

-beds should be on frames and not just on the ground, with beds being directly on the floor there is no air flow.

-piles/bags of clothes on the floor, anything in piles on the floor

-blankets and or sheets on the windows, it is okay if there's a couple inch gap in between, if you use curtain rods, they are the best as they stick out a few inches from the window allowing air flow.

The key to not having mould build is airflow and if airflow is restricted bacteria can build up. One of the biggest mould producers is the bathroom, cause of the amount of moisture. Fan should always be on when showering or bathing, and if you have a bathroom window even cracking it a bit after showering. Even wiping down your shower afterwards with a towel. Cleanliness.

Another weekly home inspection that can prevent issues is checking under your sinks, (kitchen, bathrooms, laundry) and around the toilet if you can spot a small leak early can prevent mould/water damage, sometimes as simple as a new washer/seal. Also to check the caulking around shower and tubs

On another note, with septic systems, they are designed to only have toilet paper, wipes and feminine products aren't supposed to go down and will clog the system which will cause a back up and turn into thousands of dollars in damage that was preventable and from now on will be at the homeowner's expense if that happens.

Thanks again

Jeddy Baptiste

Housing OIB

there are two significant mining projects in OIB lands. One is near Greenwood. This is the Phoenix Copper-Gold project. The second is near Rossland. This is the Record Ridge Magnesium project. OIB has the final say on both projects. Here are some quick bullets on each.

Phoenix Copper-Gold

1. This is an old mine that operated about 100 years ago at a place called Phoenix between Grand Forks and Greenwood.
2. The ownership changed over the years. The last owner went bankrupt.
3. Our partners, with the company name, Phoenix Copper, bought the project out of bankruptcy for about \$1.7 million US.
4. As part of their commitment to OIB, Phoenix Copper gave **AT NO COST** the OIB 51% of the project.
5. Phoenix Copper is now drilling on the site. This is **ONLY** exploration drilling. It could take a few years of drilling and some more work to find out if the mine has a chance of reopening. Some jobs are available. Its only summer work so far.
6. If the project is worth it, Phoenix Copper will seek permits and environmental assessment to build a new mine on the old site. This also take about two years minimum.
7. OIB is well positioned. OIB holds 51% of the company and has positions on the company board. So OIB will get revenue from this.
8. **BUT** also OIB, as the local First Nation government, also gets oversight over the permits and environmental assessment. If and when this happens OIB government will negotiate a benefit agreement with the mine for revenue, jobs, contracts, environmental oversight etc.
9. **IN SUMMARY** – OIB is well positioned as a controlling interest in the mine, so OIB will make money as a business partner. But OIB is also the impacted First Nation government so OIB gets oversight over the environmental assessment and OIB would get revenue sharing (taxes) and the local First Nation government. Double benefit!
10. **IF** the mine goes ahead it will be a few years of preliminary work, then an environmental assessment, then construction. So its in the future.

Record Ridge Magnesium

1. This project will mine magnesium and truck it to a facility in the USA. This mine is not a hard metal mine and operates more like a gravel pit.
2. The mine is now in front of the BC Government's Mine Development Review Committee. This is the government body that permits it.
3. The mine owners have been respectful in consulting with OIB. The mining company paid OIB to do two studies. One was an environmental review and one was an economic review (will it make any money). So we have the results of both those studies where were positive.
4. OIB has an economic agreement with the mining company. OIB gets 3% of gross revenues (which is better than net revenues) up to a cap of \$3 million dollars per year. This agreement was signed in 2023. We also get \$40,000 in stock options. OIB also gets preferred employment and contracts. Right now OIB's JV partner Sutco is doing some work on site.
5. Construction cant start until the government approves the projects. OIB has been participating (through its consultants) in the permitting process.
6. When the mine opens, its only for 2 years as its considered a test. If the mine wants to run longer they will need new approvals to expand. OIB will have oversight over that approval.
- 7.

In summary, neither mine is in construction yet. Both have a lot of things to do yet. **BUT both have provided OIB with generous financial packages. OIB's goal here is to have mines that operate under OIB oversight but provide significant new revenue sources to the band.**

Job Posting

INTERNAL x (OIB Membership) and External Posting

The Job Posting will be posted at, Osoyoos Indian Band Nk'Mip Resource Centre, OIBDC, OIBDC Businesses, Sen Pok Chin, Nk'Mip Daycare

Date: July 10,2025	Position: Senior Accountant
Company/Operational Area: Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation (OIBDC)/Osoyoos Indian Band	
Location: Oliver B.C	
Basic Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work closely with other the Senior Accountants /Controller and accounting clerks handling the business operations on reserve.• Review financial records and make the necessary adjustments as needed and present accurate and relevant reports to the Corporate Controller and OIBDC/OIB managers on a timely basis.• Regularly organize and prepare documents for electronic filing and hardcopy files & ensure signage for legal docs are completed. Must understand file content. Must have pertinent knowledge of key people and events that would affect those files.• Document policies and procedure changes.• Understand and comply with GAAP• Utilize MS Office 2010 with expertise in Excel, Word, and Outlook.• Utilize Sage 300 including the following modules: payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, financial reporter.• Review EFT deposits, payroll accruals, benefit, and pension administration, WCB reporting and PEIR reconciliations.• Review and refine budgets, variance reports, monthly financial reports to management and other analysis as needed; and• Train staff in the field to enhance effectiveness of reporting and job satisfaction.• Familiar with First Nation accounting practices an asset	
Minimum Qualification Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-Secondary Education in Accounting or Bookkeeping and Accounting <u>Designation preferred.</u>• Minimum 5 Years of accounting experience• Strong written and oral communication skills• Willing to upgrade skills and take other courses were requested	
Special Equipment Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valid Driver's License	
Other Related Employment Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be self-driven and results-oriented with a positive outlook.• Ideally, a forward planner who critically assesses own performance• Mature, credible, and comfortable in dealing with senior executives.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reliable, tolerant, and determined• Well-presented and businesslike	
Start Date	As soon as possible
Workdays	Monday to Friday
Hours of Work	8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 8 hours a day
Term of Employment	Full Time
Pay Rate	\$30.00 to \$40.00 an hour
Deadline for Applications	Open until filled
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste the HR Director at lbaptiste@oib.ca	Phone: (250) 498-3444 ext.: 3028

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EXTERNAL

Date: July 10, 2025	Position: Full Cycle Accounting Clerk	
Company/Operational Area: Osoyoos Indian Band - Administration		
Location: Oliver, B.C.		
Basic Responsibilities:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizes MS Office 2010 including Excel, Word, and Outlook • Utilizes accounts payable module for check processing • Work closely with the Senior Accountants as a full cycle accounting clerk. • Code and process financial transactions to provide accurate and relevant reports to managers and directors on a timely basis; • Prepare EFT deposits, payroll accruals, benefit and pension administration, WCB reporting and PEIR reconciliations. Source deductions, GST remittances and ROE's. • Prepare budget variances and other analysis on request; • Regularly organize and prepare documents for electronic filing and hardcopy files and ensure signage for legal docs are completed. Must have understanding of file content. Must have pertinent knowledge of key people and events that would affect those files; • Filing 		
Minimum Qualification Requirements:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full cycle accounting experience • Strong written and oral communication skills • Willing to upgrade skills and take other training courses where requested 		
Special Equipment Required:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Class 5 or N Driver's License 		
Other Related Employment Information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature, credible and comfortable in dealing with senior management directions • Reliable and committed • Ability to review documents for check processing (Purchase orders, packing slips, authorization, invoices) • Well-presented and businesslike • Ability to work under pressure and strict deadlines 		
Start Date	ASAP	
Work Days	Monday to Friday	
Hours of Work	8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 8 hours a day (Monday to Friday)	
Term of Employment	Full time	
Pay Rate	\$25.00 to \$28.00	
Deadline for Applications	Open until filled	
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste, HR Director Email: lbaptiste@oib.ca		Phone: (250) 498-3444 ext., 3028

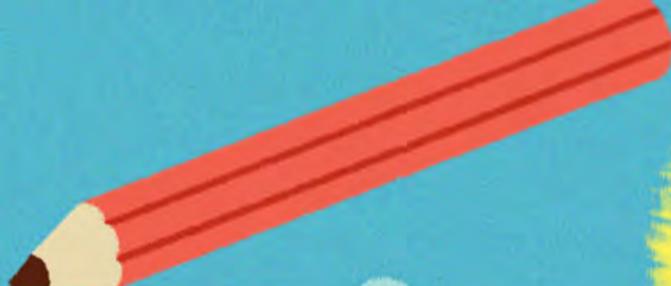
Job Posting

INTERNAL x (Open to Membership and External)

The Job Posting will be posted at ,Osoyoos Indian Band Nk'Mip Resource Centre, OIBDC, OIBDC Businesses, Sen Pok Chin, Nk'Mip Daycare)

EXTERNAL □

Date: July 25, 2025	Position: OIB Community Surveyor	
Company/Operational Area: Osoyoos Indian Band		
Location: Oliver B.C		
Basic Responsibilities: The Community Surveyor is responsible for conducting surveys for the Four Pillars project within the community. This role involves engaging with community members and assisting them in completing the survey. The survey will be administered online using a tablet, so familiarity with tablets is helpful. Training will be provided. The candidate must be comfortable driving, as the position requires visiting homes on the reserve		
Minimum Qualifications Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct surveys in the community according to the established schedule.• Engage respectfully and professionally with community members to gather accurate information.• Assist community members in completing the survey on the tablet.• Accurately record responses and ensure data quality.• Always maintain the confidentiality of members' information.• Report any issues or challenges encountered during the survey to the key coordinator.• Participate in training sessions and team meetings as required.• Assist with other related tasks to support survey implementation as needed.		
Work Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation and drivers' licenses minimum of N• Attending and conducting presentations.• Computer skills		
Start Date	September 2 nd , 2025, until December 2 nd , 2025 (3-month term)	
Hours of Work	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm some evening and weekends between 25-35 hours a week	
Term of Employment	90 day term employment	
Pay Rate	\$21.00 to \$23.00	
Deadline for Applications	Open until filled	
Contact Person: Leona Baptiste HR Director Email: lbaptiste@oib.ca	Phone: (250) 498-3444 ext.: 3028	



Back to School CONTEST

HOW TO ENTER: TELL US TWO THINGS YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL ON OUR OIB OFFICIAL FB PAGE OR EMAIL US BY AUG 20TH/25. YOUR NAME WILL BE RANDOMLY DRAWN AT THE AUGUST COMMUNITY DINNER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD OF YOUR CHOOSING FOR NEW SWAG FOR BACK TO SCHOOL.

MUST BE A
OIB MEMBER
OR
COMMUNITY
MEMBER

Melissa (communitysupport2@oib.ca)
Talon (talonbaptiste@oib.ca) OR
OIB OFFICIAL Facebook Page

THREE \$200
GIFT CARDS
UP FOR
GRABS

APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

*All band members and nominal roll (on reserve/community) students will now have fees Paid directly to their school by the education department.

*This form is to receive a beginning of the school year fund for additional supplies for families who have children in k-12. Also, to give the school/district permission to communicate with OIB education.

*Grades k-7 receive \$150 per student. Grades 8-12 receive \$250 per student. One form per each student.

Student Name _____

Band# _____

Birth Date _____

Grade _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone# _____

Email Address _____

Usually Live: On Reserve Off Reserve

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DISCLAIMER

Note: This must be checked and the form signed.

By signing this form I give School District #53 and Sen Pok Chin (SPC) permission to provide the OIB Education Department information on my student's progress for the 2025-2026 school year in the following categories: Attendance, grades, and assignments. OIB Education is an acting liaison between the band, parent/guardian, and the school that my student attends. Communication with district/school staff regarding my student include: Assignments, progress reports, homework packages, and support when needed. I understand that this information will be kept confidential.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _____

OIB Education Director Signature:

Date: _____

Accepting forms August 5th to September 15th.

Reach out to Shannon Peltier @ 250-498-7147 or edu@oib.ca if you have any questions or concerns



EDUCATION

August 2025



OUR GOALS THIS MONTH

School Bus registration, and getting Education Assistance forms signed and returned is a big goal this month. We would also like to connect with families at the OIB Education open house and connect community with educators to answer questions. We would like to hear from you, we will be putting out a community survey on topics of interest.

DID YOU KNOW?

OIB Education is funding 19 Post-Secondary Students this year.

OIB and SD53 are currently in the process of updating the LEA. For more information please contact Shan. There will be more information sessions happening in the fall.

Shan/Education can assist you in navigating the online parent portals, Spaces, getting homework for your student, sitting in on school meetings, and so much more. Call/text Shan for more info and or come out to the Education Open house!

THE NEWS

OIB EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE:
August 28th from 4-6pm in the downstairs boardroom at the band office.

EDUCATION ASSISTANT WITH INDIGENOUS WORKSHOPS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:
See poster for more info, or go in to see Shan/text/call.

BACK TO SCHOOL: First day back is September 2nd.



250-498-7147

edu@oib.ca

PLEASE JOIN OIB EDUCATION FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday August 28th, 4 pm - 6pm.

Downstairs boardroom - OIB Band Office



Register for the SD53 bus, fill out Education Fee Forms, ask questions, hear about what is new.

There will be laptops available and help to register for the bus.

We will have forms for Education Funds, explanations for changes, new people to meet, info on upcoming field trips, opportunity to ask questions, and more.



Please drop in anytime between 4pm and 6pm. We will have snacks, drinks and there will be pizza around 5pm.



CONTACT US:



2504987147



edu@oib.ca



2504983444 ext 3022

RIGHT TO PLAY
Summer Program (August)
August 1, 2025 – August 29, 2025

Where: SenPokChin (SPC) Gym /Youth Centre

When: Monday - Friday, 1 pm to 5 pm.

Ages: 6-12 (Must be 6 years of age upon registration)
Can be 13 if attending SPC

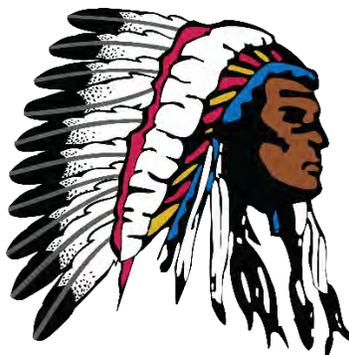
Eligible Youth: OIB members/Community members
(Living on OIB Reserve)/SPC Students

* **Please note:** Snacks will be provided during day/If your child requires more; you can pack them extra snacks (trail mix, fruit, etc.) or lunch

For registration information please contact:
Marvin Louie - mlouie@oib.ca or 250-498-6323
Seth Baptiste – 250-689-8299

* **REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OIB YOUTH CENTRE/RTP REGISTRATION FORMS SIGNED DURING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR ARE STILL VALID FOR THIS SUMMER.**

***IF SCHEDULE CHANGES; PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE NOTIFIED.**



OIB YOUTH CENTER/GYM AUGUST SCHEDULE 2025

Sunday		CLOSED
Monday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
Tuesday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Thursday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Friday	Right to Play (RTP)	1:00PM-5:00PM
	Sun Fun	8:30AM-3:30PM
	Youth Center/Gym	5:00PM-8:00PM
Saturday	Youth Center/Gym	12:00PM-8:00PM

Youth Center is closed during stat-holiday's & community gatherings

(Unless otherwise stated)

*Will post changes to 'SCHEDULE' via Facebook and OIB group e-mail

***YOUTH CENTRE/GYM** (EVENINGS & SATURDAYS) **OPEN TO AGES 10+**



Please Join Us For A Dinner

With Lana

Hosted by the Nk'Mip Resource Team



Aug 21st at the Hall

5pm

International Overdose Awareness Day



BBQ



August 30th

International Overdose Awareness Day is a day to raise awareness and reduce stigma around drug related passings. This day is also to support those who are affected by grief and confusion surrounding the passing of loved ones or loved ones currently struggling with addictions.

Come and join us for a Community BBQ under the Hat.

There will be food, beverages, and swag bags!

There will also be Naloxone training on site. If there are any questions please contact Lindsay Kovacs at the Health Building at 250-498-6935.



Location: OIB Under the "Hat"

When: August 30th @ 12:00 PM—1:00 PM



EDUCATION ASSISTANT WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER CERTIFICATE WORKSHOPS



Are you passionate about supporting learners and contributing to inclusive, culturally responsive education?

This fully funded program is designed to prepare you for a meaningful career as an Education Assistant, working alongside teachers to support student learning and well-being. The program integrates culturally grounded practices and courses from the Indigenous Community Support Worker Certificate to expand employment opportunities and build stronger connections between schools and communities. Program delivery is in partnership with Indigenous communities and organizations in North Okanagan/Merritt, Central Okanagan, and South Okanagan-Similkameen.

The training program is comprised of:

- Education Assistant Certificate
- Indigenous Community Support Worker Certificate courses
- Industry certifications (includes FoodSafe, First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention)
- Resume writing, job search strategies and interview preparation
- 10-week work experience placement

Course Schedule:

Sept. 8, 2025 – March 20, 2026

**Foundational learning will be delivered online and supplemented with in-person training and cultural activities.*

Participants eligible to receive training must:

- Have an active Employment Insurance (EI) claim, or had an EI claim that ended within the past 60 months; or earned over \$2,000 in insurable income and paid EI premiums in at least 5 of the last 10 years; or be a client of British Columbia Employment Assistance (BCEA), whether PWD (Person with Disabilities) or non-PWD, and
- Be eligible for WorkBC Case Management and be referred by a WorkBC Case Manager.

**Priority will be given to Indigenous participants.*

For more information or to verify your eligibility contact your local WorkBC Centre:

**Vernon: 250-545-2215 ext. 230 | Salmon Arm: 250-804-4770 | Merritt: 250-378-5151
Kelowna: 778-738-0225 | Penticton: 1-833-313-0547**

Upcoming Virtual Information Sessions: July 31, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | August 6, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

For program specific questions or
to register for an Information Session:

250-762-5445 ext. 4747 | bmapstone@okanagan.bc.ca



This program is funded by the Government of Canada
and the Province of British Columbia.



Francis Baptiste

Senklip, the Trickster



"Lushly Hypnotic. Unsparingly candid."
- CBC Music

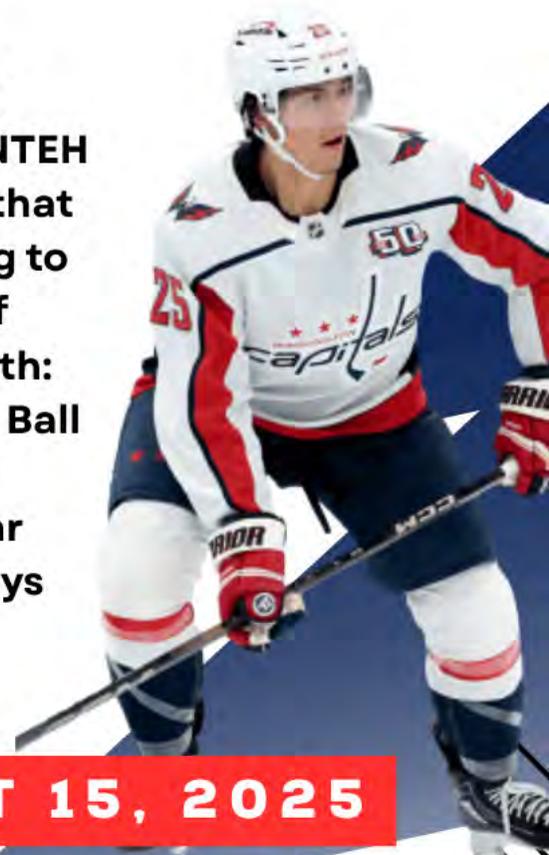
Vinyl Available Now
At Respect Record and Skate
6218 Main St, Oliver, BC



ETHAN BEAR

YOUTH VISIT

PIB, Education, Social Development, Health & ONTEH are excited to announce that Ethan Bear will be coming to PIB for a special day of interacting with our Youth: Activities Include playing Ball Hockey, Motivational Messaging & Ethan Bear Merchandise & Giveaways



AUGUST 15, 2025



**PIB BALL FIELD & HALL
10:00AM – 5:00PM**

Ethan Bear is a successful professional indigenous Hockey player who uses his platform to advocate for positive change and inspire our youth & future generations. He previously played for the Vancouver Canucks, Edmonton Oilers, Washington Capitals and is currently playing for the New York Islanders



This Special Event invitation is extended to all Syilx Nation Youth



Osoyoos
Indian Band



The Four Pillars
SOCIETY

OIB FOUR PILLARS PLAN

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 2025

BACKGROUND:

The Band is developing a 5–10 year Four Pillars Plan that reflects community priorities. This includes engaging Elders, youth, and leadership, and gathering input through surveys and workshops to ensure the plan is rooted in lived experience and cultural knowledge.

FOUR PILLARS:



Revival and protection of Indigenous languages



Revival and protection of Indigenous cultures



Wellness for Indigenous Cultures



Promotion and protection of heritage

DETAILS:

- We will be hosting an information session *DATE TBD*
- Survey's will be available online and in person
- Prizes will be provided for participating in the survey

For more information:
Mary Wilber
mwilber@oib.ca



FIRST PEOPLES'
CULTURAL COUNCIL

We wanted to let you know that FPCC is now accepting applications for our Mentor
Apprentice Program in two areas!

Mentor Apprentice Program:

- Provides funding for B.C. First Nations living in B.C.
- Up to \$21,000 in funding
- Learners age 16-50 intending to pass the language on to others
- 3 year program completing 300 hours per year
- Apply by October 1, 2025

Mentor Apprentice Program: Connections:

- Provides funding for B.C. First Nations living in B.C.
- Up to \$6,500 in funding
- Learners age 16+
- 7-month program
- Apply by October 1, 2025

Visit the [Mentor Apprentice Program page](#) to learn more about the program, eligibility, guidelines, application process and to watch the recorded information session.

If you have any questions or would like application support, please email the staff contact found at the bottom of the program page.

Please share this funding opportunity with your contacts by downloading the [poster](#).

If you are interested in receiving news, resources and funding opportunities sign up for our e-newsletter at fpcc.ca/signup.



BRINGING *the* SALMON HOME

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Tspelq'entém re Sqlélten

The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative

SALMON WARRIORS

Fall Gathering 2025

October 15-19, 2025 | Penticton BC

**Open to Syilx Okanagan, Secwépemc, and Ktunaxa Nation young adults ages 19-29 years*

INVITATION TO JOIN the 4th Annual Salmon Warrior Gathering open to Syilx Okanagan, Secwépemc, and Ktunaxa young adults, ages 19-29. We will learn to blend Indigenous and western knowledge, while assisting the ONA Salmon Broodstock Crew in the Okanagan River, and at the kł cǫǎk stím Hatchery in Penticton. Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this amazing event! Hosted by the Bringing the Salmon Home Initiative, in collaboration with the Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Dept. and the kł cǫǎk stím Hatchery. We are enacting our sacred duty returning salmon to their rightful home in the upper Columbia region.

- ✓ Walking Land Tour with En'owkin
- ✓ Hands on Technial Work with Salmon Broodstock & Hatchery
- ✓ Indigenous Cultural Knowledge
- ✓ Rights and Responsibilities: We are Salmon People of the Columbia River
- ✓ Honorariums, Mileage, Accommodations and Meals Provided
- ✓ Waders and Boots Provided

OCTOBER 15-19, 2025

CHECK IN: 3 PM Wed. Oct. 15

CHECK OUT: 11 AM Sun. Oct. 19

ACCOMMODATIONS

Balcomo, a Ramada by Wyndham

1050 ECKHARDT AVE W.

PENTICTON, BC

LEARN NEW SKILLS

PERSONAL
Confidence
Work Ethic
Time Management
Self Awareness

ENGAGEMENT
Communication
Listening
Relationship-Building

FISHERIES
River & Fish
Biology
Hatchery
Operations

CULTURAL
Land Tour
Story/Language
Traditional
Ecological
Knowledge

SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY NOW! Application deadline Sept. 15, 2025

Contact your Tri-Nation Outreach & Engagement Organizers:

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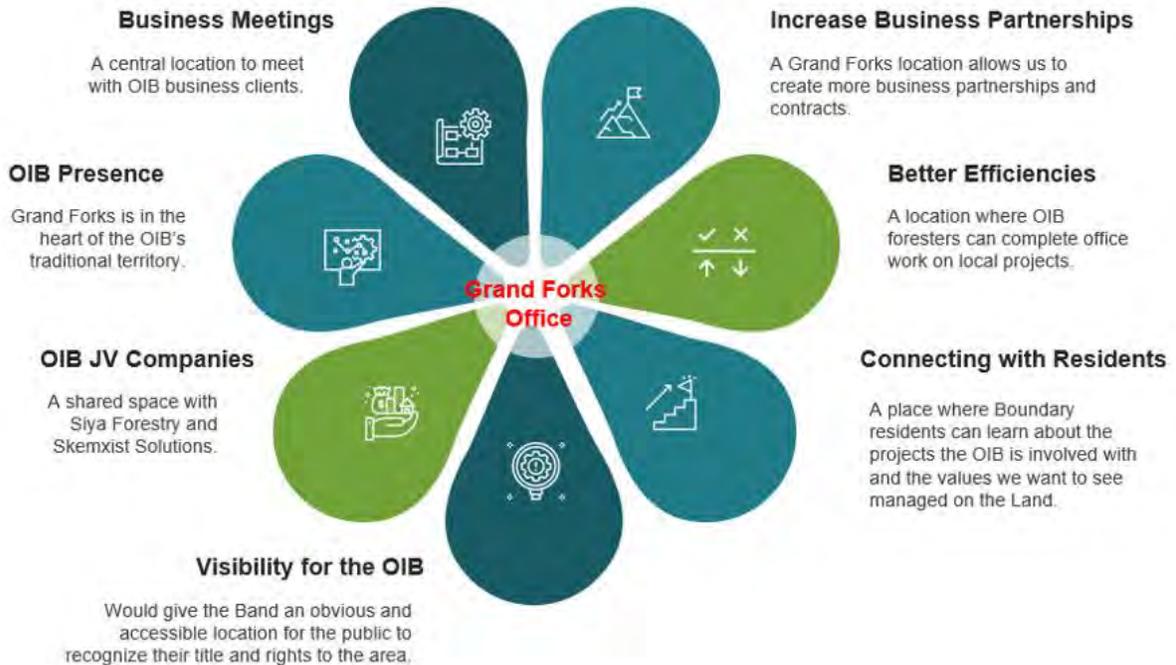
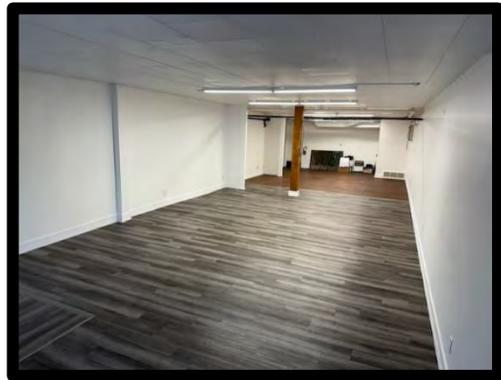




Osoyoos Indian Band

Osoyoos Indian Band Opening an Office in Grand Forks

Chief and Council have approved a small office for the Osoyoos Indian Band in **Downtown Grand Forks**. This is an excellent step towards establishing an OIB presence in the Boundary region and within the City of Grand Forks – a municipality in the middle of the OIB’s traditional territory. With our growing partnerships and decision making in forestry management, mining activities, range practices and recreational development across the territory, this office will serve as a meeting spot and working area for any OIB departments or community members who wish to use it. This well-located and professional space will work to attract more business partnerships, provide a venue to connect with local government and the community, and establish a strong presence for the OIB.

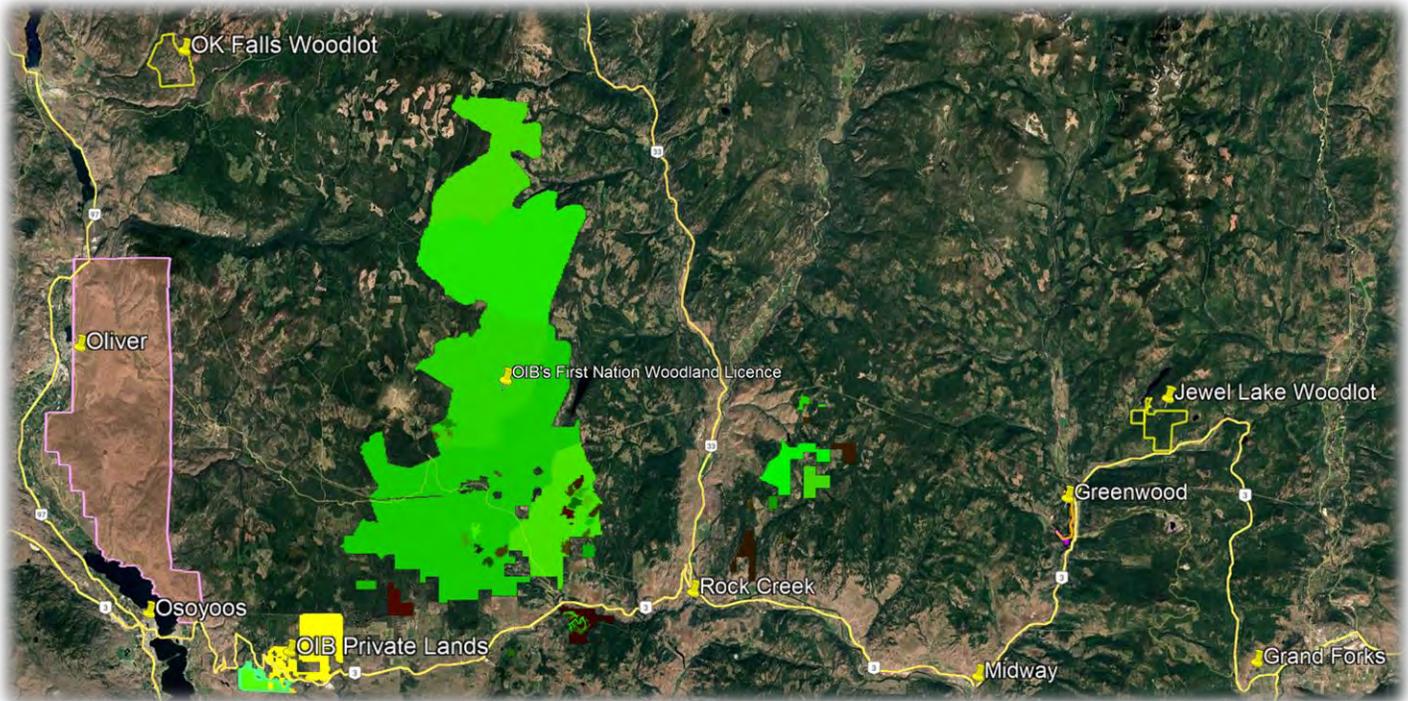


The office will be up and running by September 1st and for more information or access, please reach out to Dan Macmaster at dmacmaster@oib.ca or 250-528-0344



Osoyoos Indian Purchases 2 Forestry Woodlots

A woodlot is an area-based forestry tenure that is entirely managed by the owner. The OIB has acquired two new woodlots each 1500 acres in size. Included in the acquisition is 160 acres of private land located by Jewel Lake (outside of Greenwood).



OK Falls Woodlot: this land was burned in the 2021 Thomas Creek fire but is being replanted with a diversity of trees and shrubs to improve wildlife habitat and regulate water flow. Restoration & recovery is the main focus on this woodlot, to bring this Land back into a resilient forest.

OK Falls Woodlot



Jewel Lake Woodlot and Private Land: located just south of Jewel Lake, this forested land contains healthy trees, huckleberries, and a variety of wildlife. It is accessible from a forest service road and will provide OIB community members with the opportunity to hunt, fish, camp, and enjoy recreational activities. This working forest will provide jobs and generate revenue for the OIB for generations to come. Jewel Lake itself has a provincial park at the north end and cabins and boat rentals at the south end, while surrounded by hiking trails.

Jewel Lake Woodlot



If you have any questions or would like maps or directions to these woodlots and the private land, please reach out to Dan Macmaster (dmacmaster@oib.ca) or Peter Flett (pflett@oib.ca) in the Nk'Mip Forestry department.